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Redevelopment Board Minutes 12/12/2005

Arlington Redevelopment Board
Minutes of November 21, 2005

Members Present: Edward T. M. Tsoi
Andrew P. West
Roland E. Chaput
Lynne Lowenstein

Also Present: Kevin J. O'Brien

Ed Tsoi called the meeting to order at 7:10. and opened the public hearing on an application for a special permit for signs at 297 Broadway, the office of American Alarm. Kevin O'Brien explained that the applicant could not attend that night and requested that the hearing be postponed. Lynne Lowenstein moved that the Board continue the hearing to 7:00 PM on November 28, 2005. Andrew West seconded the motion and the Board voted 4 to 0 in favor.

The Board discussed a draft of the special permit decision for the Nextel antenna proposal at 1098 Massachusetts Ave.

The Board discussed a proposal to add parking use to the Open Space district. The Board felt it wanted to make the use a special permit use so it would be reviewed by the Arlington Redevelopment Board under environmental design review. Andrew West moved that the Board propose to Town Meeting that the use be allowed by special permit. Roland Chaput seconded the motion and the Board voted 3 to 0 in favor, with 1 abstention.

Roland Chaput moved that the Board enter executive session to discuss the litigation concerning the Symmes project which discussion, if held in open session, might jeopardize the Board's position. Lynne Lowenstein seconded the motion and Kevin O'Brien poled the Board. Ed Tsoi – yes, Andrew West – yes, Roland Chaput – yes, Lynne Lowenstein – yes.

Kevin O'Brien and Ed Tsoi reported to the Board discussions that they had had with the developer about options that the appeal might create and the financial impact it could have on the Town.

Lynne Lowenstein moved that the Board leave executive session. Andrew West seconded the motion and Kevin O'Brien poled the Board. Ed Tsoi – yes, Andrew West – yes, Roland Chaput – yes, Lynne Lowenstein – yes.

The Board adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin J. O'Brien